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# TRUSTEES' REPORT.

THE general depression of business which has prevailed during the past season, has not been without its effect upon the affairs of this Corporation. The receipts from sales of lots have, in consequence, fallen off considerably. Still, the usual expenses, and the yearly payment to the reserved fund have all been met from the year's receipts, and only for special expenditures for improvements has any drain been made upon the surplus assets of the last year. The affairs of the Corporation therefore remain in a satisfactory condition, though it would have been gratifying to have had a larger amount for expenditure upon the uncompleted improvements, and for the adornment of the Cemetery grounds.

During the past season work has been commenced on the bank of Indian Ridge on Fountain Avenue. About two hundred and eighty feet have been re-graded and sodded, and the improved appearance of the bank warrants the expenditure already made.

The greenhouse, commenced late last year, has been finished, and rendered important aid during the past summer in supplying the constantly increasing demand for plants.

The fence on the line of the Roman Catholic Cemetery and Chant Lot, being beyond repair, has been replaced by a higher and more substantial wooden fence, and the stockade posts which separated the Chant Lot from the Cemetery have been removed.

A small shed has been erected in the rear of the Reception House, which will afford shelter for a carriage in case of storm.

The lithographic map of 1867, which from lapse of time had become incorrect, and required constant alteration, has been replaced by a new and improved edition.

Considerable progress has been made in the grading around Halcyon Lake, and it is hoped that by the close of the next season this work may be completed.

On the Stone Farm, grading has been continued through the summer and autumn. This work has been so far advanced, that lots will be ready for sale the coming summer, on that part of this portion of the Cemetery, which has been reserved for the Landscape Lawn system.

Some expenditures have been made upon the drainage of Spruce Avenue, and Saffron and Crocus Paths. The experiments made, it is hoped, will prove so successful as to warrant further similar expenditure.

The Permanent Fund, increased by the payment of one-fifth of the receipts from sales of lots, $5,793.15 and of income $10,185.91, now amounts to $178,373.94.

The amount received from endowments for perpetual care of lots to date is $102,905.80, with a balance of income unexpended $18,397.84, making the total amount $121,303.64.

The available assets for current expenses are $24,101.21, exclusive of real estate owned by the Corporation outside of the Cemetery.

During the preceding year Mr. John T. Bradlee notified the Trustees that on account of other pressing duties he should decline a re-election as President, but at the meeting

for organization of the present Board, yielding to the urgent request of his associates, he consented to serve until June; when, at his renewed request, the Trustees accepted his resignation, and Mr. I. M. Spelman was chosen President. The Trustees take this occasion to express their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Bradlee during the three and a half years of his presidency, and their acknowledgment of the efficiency and courtesy with which he performed the duties of that office.

The Trustees believe that the interests of the Proprietors require some further action in relation to the By-Laws, than that taken at the last Annual Meeting. Under the vote of the Proprietors passed July 10, 1835, the Trustees were authorized to make additional By-Laws. In accordance with this vote they have, from time to time, added to the By-Laws general regulations of the affairs of the Corporation and of their own proceedings. These, as finally codified, have been printed and distributed among the Proprietors. In this manner the By-Laws, which should, as defined by the Supreme Court, "regulate the conduct and define the duties of the members towards the Corporation, and between themselves," appear to regulate the proceedings of the Trustees, and to embarrass them in the discharge of their duties as prescribed by the charter, which gives to the Trustees the "general management, superintendence, and care of the property, expenditures, business, and prudential concerns of the Corporation, and the sale of lots in the Cemetery." So long as the Trustees were empowered by the Corporation to amend the By-Laws, as occasion might require, no practical difficulty resulted, but now that this has been

revoked, it seems to the Trustees desirable that the By-Laws should be revised, and the duties of the Proprietors and the Trustees more definitely stated. If the present By-Laws are to be enforced without modification in individual cases, it is certain that much inconvenience will grow out of them.

The Trustees therefore recommend the appointment of a Committee of the Proprietors, to confer with them upon a revision of the By-Laws, and report at a special meeting, to be called for this purpose.

For the Trustees,

I. M. SPELMAN,
*President.*

Boston, January, 1875.

# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

*To the Trustees of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn,*

GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Report of the Superintendent, for the year ending December 31st, 1874.

## IMPROVEMENTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of New Lots graded and bounded with Granite Posts | 56 |
| " " Old Lots improved by being graded and sodded | 68 |
| " " Old Lots bounded with Granite Posts | 1 |
| " " Lots enclosed with Granite or Freestone | 28 |
| " " Lots furnished with Granite or Iron Numbers | 57 |
| " " Tombs rebuilt | 1 |
| " " Headstones erected | 290 |
| " " Monuments erected | 44 |
| " " Linear feet of Gutters repaved | 290 |
| " " Iron Fences removed | 10 |
| " " Hedges removed | 3 |

## INTERMENT RECORD.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total number of Interments as per last Report | | 18,646 |
| Number of Original Interments for year ending December 31st, 1874 | 507 | |
| " " Removals from other Cemeteries | 95 | |
| Total number of Interments for the year | | 602 |
| " " " in Cemetery to date | | 19,248 |
| Of the above there were Deposits in the Receiving Tomb | | 36 |
| " " " " Interments in Public Lots | | 31 |

THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY WERE AS FOLLOWS:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To Public Lots | 7 | |
| " Private Lots | 51 | |
| Total Removals within the Cemetery | | 58 |
| " " from the Cemetery | | 33 |
| Total number of Removals | | 91 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVERING,

*Superintendent of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.*

*Mount Auburn, December 31st,* 1874.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

*The* TREASURER *Reports the following Abstract of* RECEIPTS *and* EXPENDITURES *for the Forty-third year*, 1874.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash balance from the preceding year | | | $5,585.14 |
| He has received from sundry parties :— | | | |
| For sale of Lots and Graves in Public Lots | | $28,147.60 | |
| " Deeds and Transfers, etc | | 475.68 | |
| " Labor and Materials, as follows : | | | |
| Interments and Brick Graves | $7,882.70 | | |
| Wood, Apples, Hay, etc | 265.18 | | |
| Rents | 125.00 | | |
| Greenhouse Sales | 326.45 | | |
| Annual Care of Lots | 15,847.69 | | |
| Filling, grading, sodding, and other improvements of Lots | 24,662.50 | | |
| | | 49,109.52 | |
| From Income of Investments | | 572.57 | |
| " Massachusetts Horticultural Society,— | | | |
| For one-quarter part of Expenditures, as follows :— | | | |
| Completing the Fence around Chant Lot | $801.42 | | |
| Grading and filling Indian Ridge | 302.60 | | |
| " " " around Halcyon Lake | 1,096.12 | | |
| " " " " Marigold Path | 125.25 | | |
| " " " Falcon Avenue | 1,095.62 | | |
| " " " Swan, Eagle and Circuit Avenues on the Stone Farm | 2,071.37 | | |
| One-quarter of | $5,492.38 | is 1,373.09 | |
| " Notes Receivable | | 19,000.00 | |
| | | | 98,678.46 |
| | | | $104,263.60 |

He has paid to Sundry parties—for Labor and Materials:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bricks | $551.36 | |
| Cart, Carriage, Carriage Repairs and Horse-shoeing | 873,52 | |
| Coal for Engine, Chapel and Greenhouse | 1,001.41 | |
| Cutting Granite | 120.18 | |
| Carpentering | 365.02 | |
| Cesspools and Drains | 7.50 | |
| Drawback | 289.00 | |
| Engineering, Surveying and Copying Plans | 970.01 | |
| Freight and Carting | 122.25 | |
| Granite and Block Stone | 1,002.56 | |
| Granite Posts | 983.50 | |
| Grain, Meal and Hay | 1,180.92 | |
| Hardware | 401.58 | |
| Harness Repairs | 131.45 | |
| Iron and Steel | 189.69 | |
| Interment Department | 92.31 | |
| Lumber and Sawing | 85.04 | |
| Lead | 98.10 | |
| Lime and Cement | 526.58 | |
| Manure and Loam | 5,318.22 | |
| Marble and Marble Work | 212.65 | |
| Paving Gutters | 50.50 | |
| Pay Roll | 36,176.57 | |
| Pots, Vases, Plants for Greenhouse and Cemetery, Birds. | 566.74 | |
| Paints and Oils | 36.99 | |
| Repairs Engine-house, Engine and Pumps | 121.87 | |
| Repairs of Buildings | 243.75 | |
| Repairs of Greenhouses | 1,068.44 | |
| Sundry Expenses at Gate-office | 40.11 | |
| Slates and Flagging | 643.20 | |
| Sods | 2,658.29 | |
| Sundries | 509.90 | |
| Tools | 295.03 | |
| Water Rates | 86.55 | |
| Water Works | 141.74 | |
| | | $57,162.53 |
| To amount paid for New Map | | 488.74 |
| " " " Chant Lot Fence | | 801.42 |
| " " " New Greenhouse | | 533.33 |
| " " Repair Fund | | 1,000.00 |
| " " for Fountain Avenue Bank | | 1,401.54 |
| | | $61,387.56 |

For Expenses—Salaries:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| J. W. Lovering, Superintendent | $2,500.00 | |
| H. B. Mackintosh, Treasurer | 2,250 00 | |
| Samuel Batchelder, Jr., Secretary | 1,500.00 | |
| | | 6,250.00 |
| Rent, Heating, Lighting and Care of Office | $ 974.91 | |
| Taxes on Real Estate | 755.31 | |
| Printing, Binding and Stationery | 929.81 | |
| Postage, Revenue Stamps, Government Envelopes | 386.70 | |
| Sundries | 303.76 | |
| | | 3,350.49 |
| To amount paid Mass. Horticultural Society for its proportion of Sales. | | 6,686.90 |
| " " Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co., for Permanent Fund | | 5,793.15 |
| " " Notes Receivable | | 19,000.00 |
| Balance in hands of Treasurer | | 1,795.50 |
| | | $104,263.60 |

# THE PROPERTY

OF THE CORPORATION CONSISTS OF

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| The Cemetery, which has cost to date | $565,284 00 | |
| Statuary | 17,588.58 | |
| Superintendent's House and Lot | 6,892.91 | |
| Stone Meadow | 4,065.75 | |
| Wyeth Estate, (Reception House) | 9,092.03 | |
| Greenhouses | 6,897.97 | |
| Water Works | 11,361 29 | |
| New Receiving Tomb | 11,649.43 | |
| | | $632,831.96 |

CASH ASSETS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash in hands of Treasurer | $1,795.50 | |
| Bills for Labor and Material Uncollected | $16,627.26 | |
| Less due sundry parties | 3,271.36 | |
| | 13,355.90 | |
| Amount due for Lots sold and unpaid, net | 1,949.81 | |
| Notes Receivable | 7,000.00 | |
| | | 24,101.21 |

PERMANENT FUND.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Deposited with Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co., as per last Report | $162,394.88 | |
| Income of same for 1874 | 10,185.91 | |
| Deposited in December, 1874 | 5,793.15 | |
| | | $178,373.94 |
| | | $835.307.11 |

# REPAIR FUND.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance in hands of Treasurer, as per last Report | $3,804.08 | |
| He has received:— | | |
| For Endowments | 15,532.00 | |
| " Income of Investments | 7,287.84 | |
| " Notes Receivable | 5,000.00 | |
| " U. S. Bonds called for redemption | 1,095.00 | |
| | | $32,718.92 |
| He has paid for said Account:— | | |
| For Care and Improvement of Lots | $5.149.12 | |
| " Notes Receivable | 5,000.00 | |
| " Boston City Bonds | 9,775.00 | |
| " Interest accrued on Bonds | 144.99 | |
| " General Fund | 100 00 | |
| Balance in hands of Treasurer | 12,549.81 | |
| | | $32,718.92 |

REPAIR FUND — PROPERTY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Endowments received for the perpetual repair of Lots | $102,905.80 | |
| Income, Balance Unexpended | 18,397.84 | |
| | | $121,303.64 |
| Invested as follows:— | | |
| Notes Receivable, secured by Mortgage | $31,000.00 | |
| 30 Shares Atlas National Bank, cost | 2,970.00 | |
| 20 " Shawmut National Bank, cost | 2,430.00 | |
| 20 " Atlantic National Bank, cost | 2,700 00 | |
| 20 " Boston and Albany Railroad, cost | 1,721.25 | |
| 5 " Boston and Lowell Railroad, cost | 3,190.00 | |
| 20 " Fitchburg Railroad, cost | 2,600.00 | |
| $38,300 United States 5-20 Bonds | 39,432.58 | |
| 23,000 Boston City Bonds | 22,710.00 | |
| Cash in hands of Treasurer | 12,549.81 | |
| | | $121,303.64 |

ALSO, Deposit in Trust, with Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, Policy No. 3,594, for $6,330 payable on the decease of certain parties, to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, for perpetual care of a certain lot.

Respectfully submitted,

Boston, January 16th, 1875. H. B. MACKINTOSH, *Treasurer.*

This certifies that we have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, for the year Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-four, and have found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments.

The Certificates of Stock and other evidences of property were found in accordance with the statement of his accounts.

In the General account, there appears to be a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $1,795.50; and in the Fund for Repairs, $12,549.81.

JAMES L. LITTLE,
T. QUINCY BROWNE, } *Committee on Finance.*

Boston, January 22nd, 1875.